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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 30th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 3

General debate on all disarmament and international security items (items 62 to 82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*:

Mexico
Peru
Senegal
Algeria
Papua New Guinea
Indonesia
Kazakhstan
Ethiopia
Ukraine
Zimbabwe
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Fiji
Israel

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*:

Republic of Korea
Philippines
Czech Republic
Syrian Arab Republic
Uruguay
Guatemala
Saudi Arabia
Japan
Jamaica
Slovakia
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Poland
Columbia
Azerbaijan
South Africa
Malawi
Organization of African Unity (OAU)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and family [102] (A/52/3*, A/52/56, A/52/57-E/1997/4, A/52/60-E/1997/6, A/52/80-E/1997/14, A/52/183, A/52/328, A/52/351, A/C.3/52/L.2, A/C.3/52/L.3, E/1997/103, E/1997/104)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151] (A/52/33, A/52/308, A/52/317)

2. United Nations Decade of International Law [146]

   (a) United Nations Decade of International Law (A/52/363)

   (b) Action to be taken in 1999 dedicated to the centennial of the first International Peace Conference and to the closing of the United Nations Decade of International Law (A/C.6/52/L.2 and A/C.6/52/3)

   (c) Draft guiding principles for international negotiations (A/52/141)

Afternoon*	informal meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Secretary-General on the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council (A/52/317): introduction by the Legal Counsel

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Afternoon**-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on the draft resolution on the law of the Sea (see p.4).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Meeting with the Secretary-General

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

Resumed thirty-seventh session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31st meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	32nd meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Programme questions [2]

   (b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals

   Relevant sections of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

   Introduction and general discussion

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 14 October 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

Announcements

Advanced unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" is available outside of room S-2994.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 14 October 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee organizational matters)

9.15 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.30 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP:

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGENDA ITEM 157

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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The first (closed) meeting of the International Steering Committee for the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, organized in cooperation with the United Nations, will take place *today*, 14 October 1997, from 12.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio Jose Martins Seguro, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Portugal. The International Steering Committee is open to all Member States, Non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters, and intergovernmental organizations, other organizations and entities which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly. Among the issues to be discussed will be the adoption of the Committee's rules of procedure, including the accreditation of other observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the draft resolution on the Law of the Sea *today*, 14 October 1997, following the adjournment of the informal meeting of the Sixth Committee on the report of the Secretary-General on the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council (see p.2), in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 2

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 2nd and 3rd meetings of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, for an exchange of views on the actions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950). Members will also have before them Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP.1 and 2 as well as the Informal List of Measures and Proposals provided by the Secretariat on 7 October 1997.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Interested delegations are invited to attend an informal briefing on the work of the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Professor Gerald K. Helleiner from the University of Toronto will be the keynote speaker during an informal meeting of the Second Committee on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Professor Helleiner will address the question "What kind of a finance conference would the world need?". This is the first in a series of keynote addresses and panel discussions for the Second Committee, organized, in part, with the support of the United Nations University. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

There will be an informal briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, for delegations on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will include a discussion of preparations for the meetings of the Third Committee on item 105 (Advancement of women) and item 106 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Members of the Fifth Committee are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to fill the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) will be Monday, 20 October 1997.

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The 187th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Delegations are encouraged to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise in the Committee, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/49/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary or the Chairman of the Committee (room S-3420D), any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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The thirty-second session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be convened on Thursday, 16 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The resumed substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, in Conference Room 8 at 10 a.m. The agenda and related documentation for the session will be as follows: Review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conference Services (A/52/6 (Section 27E) and A/52/303) [4]

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Briefing

A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 13 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

The Chairman made a substantive statement on disarmament issues. Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Ecuador, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico and the Sudan.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 7th meeting

Floods in Mexico

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and to the people of Mexico for the tragic loss of lives and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent floods.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered one communication containing a request for hearing relating to New Caledonia (A/C.4/52/6), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Marshall Islands, Morocco, Ethiopia, Colombia, and Zimbabwe.

The representative of France made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Chairman made a statement.

Effects of Atomic Radiation [84]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation contained in document A/52/46.

The representative of Germany introduced the related report (A/52/46) and the draft resolution.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

The general debate began with a statement by the representatives of the Marshall Islands and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia), India and Brazil.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee on the deadline for submission of any draft proposals on item 18 or amendments relating to the recommendations of the Special Committee on the decolonization items is on Thursday, 16 October, at 6 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Dr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman orally revised the programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1/Rev.1.

The Committee then adopted the programme of work, as orally revised.

The Chairman reported on the informal consultations, which had been held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China),

Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement, as did Norway), the United States, Bangladesh, Ghana, Namibia, Jordan, Myanmar, the Russian Federation and Egypt.

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, the Marshall Islands, Viet Nam, Turkey, Malaysia, China, Morocco, Belarus, Cuba and India.

THIRD COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Statement of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Committee.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, the United States, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Netherlands, Japan, Ecuador, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Morocco.

The representatives of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (UNESCO) also made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman proposed that, owing to the Plenary informal consultations on reform, scheduled for Wednesday, 15 October, in the morning and afternoon, the Committee cancel its two meetings on Wednesday and move them to Friday, 17 October, in order to allow delegations to attend the Plenary consultations. The deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the item would consequently be changed to Friday, 17 October, at 6 p.m.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that it would suspend its work on Thursday, 16 October, in order to enable members to participate in the Plenary discussion of item 46 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development).

The Chairman informed the Committee of consultations already underway on a draft resolution on the rights of the child (coordinated by the United Kingdom). In addition, the Chairman announced that Mr. Karim Wissa (Egypt) would conduct informal consultations on a possible comprehensive draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

The Chairman also informed the Committee about the possibility of holding executive briefings, jointly with the Second Committee, on the following subjects: children, human rights and development; and poverty and related social issues.

The Chairman announced that the date on which the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would attend the Committee had been changed from Wednesday, 12 November, to Friday, 14 November.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

(a) *Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda subitem and had before it a draft resolution (A/C.5/52/L.3) on the question of the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi and the management of peacekeeping assets: fields assets control system, submitted by the Chairman following informal consulta- tions.

The representative of Mexico, Coordinator of the informal consultations on these questions, introduced the draft resolution (A/C.5/52/L.3), which was adopted by the Committee, without a vote.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 6th and 7th meetings

Note: The summary of the 6th and 7th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/199).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties at Geneva on 22 September 1995

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (13 October 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

Today, 14 October 1997, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "Tribute to Philately". The new stamps, first-day covers, souvenir card and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and the staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card can be found in information circular ST/IC/1997/63.

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

A commemorative ceremony to observe the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, in collaboration with A.T.D. Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the United Nations gardens.

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Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, invites the representatives of Permanent Missions to the United Nations, the media, non-governmental organizations and the Secretariat staff to a ceremony to commemorate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on Friday 17 October 1997, from 5.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

On this special occasion, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan will recognize project representatives from Viet Nam, South Africa, El Salvador and from the United States for their outstanding contributions to the eradication of poverty. Ms. Nadine Gordimer, the 1991 Nobel prize winner in literature, will share her views on "A World without Poverty". Film actor and crusader, Danny Glover, will host the event. Dick Gregory, comedian, along with musicians from around the world, will perform.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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